

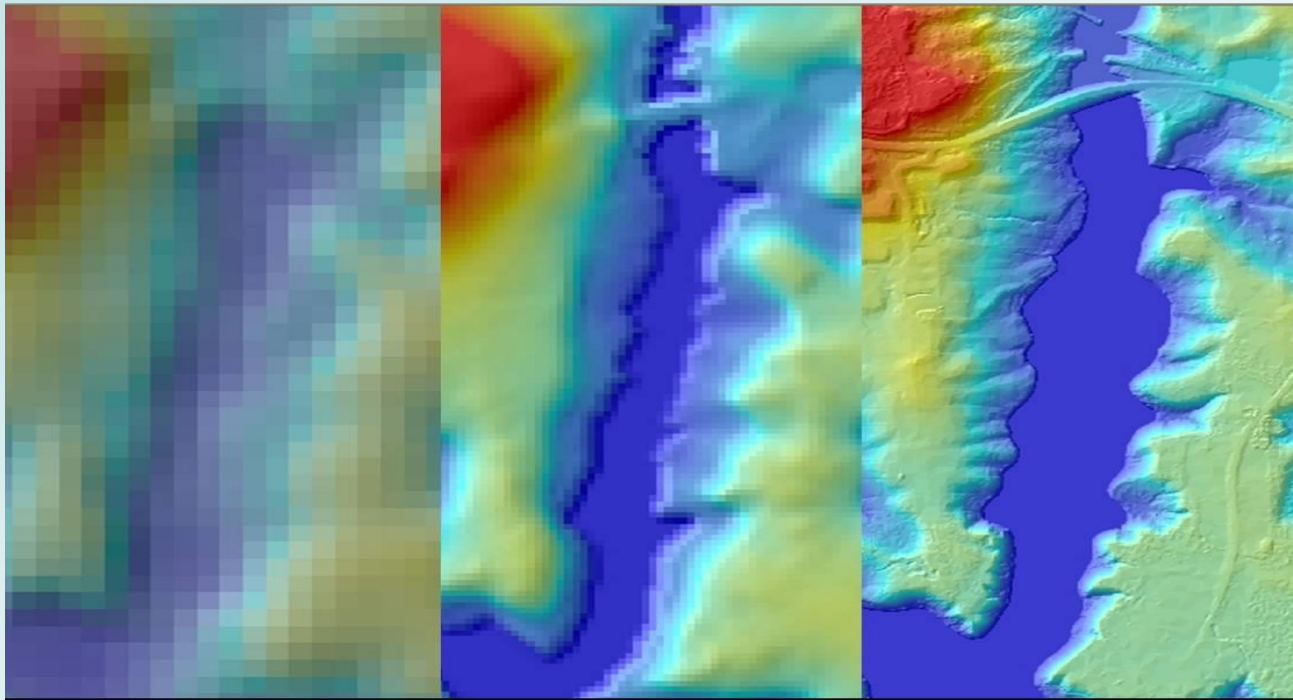


# The Emerging LiDAR Landscape

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Comparison of terrain models for Fresh Creek, Strafford County, NH:  
NED 30-meter and 10-meter DEMs versus 1-meter LiDAR

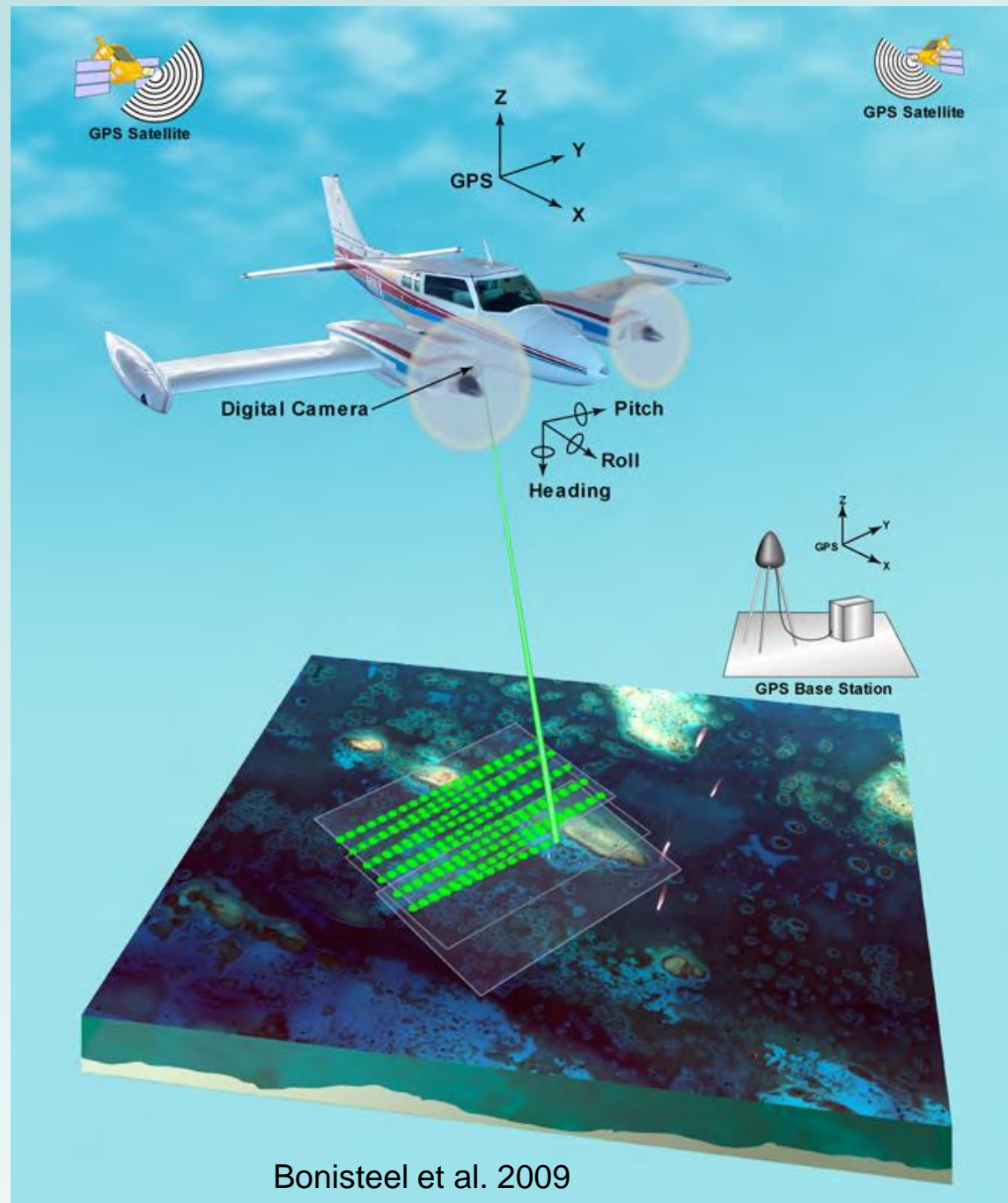


30-meter DEM

10-meter DEM

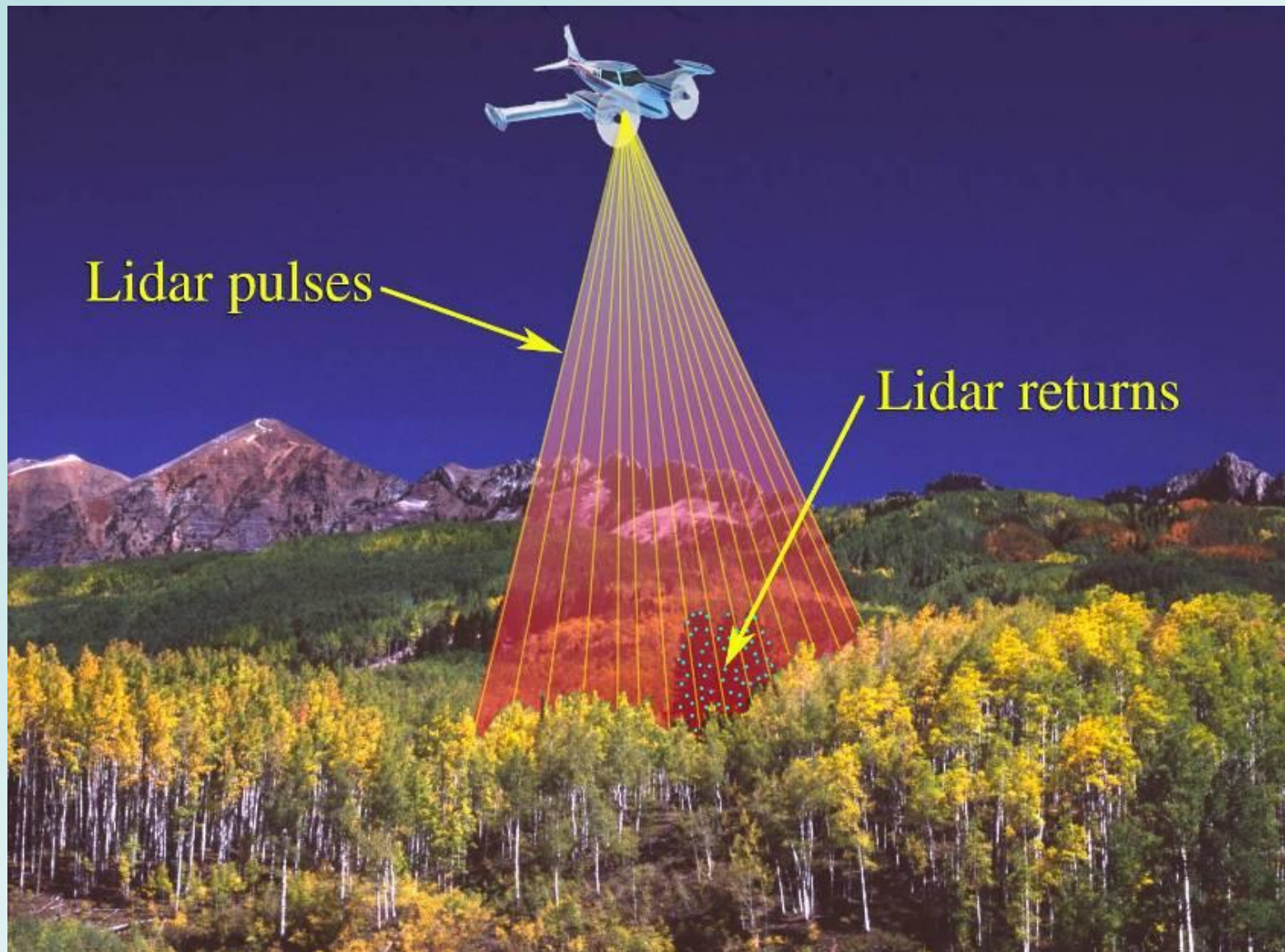
1-meter DEM

# Data acquisition by airborne Light Detection and Ranging System (LiDAR)



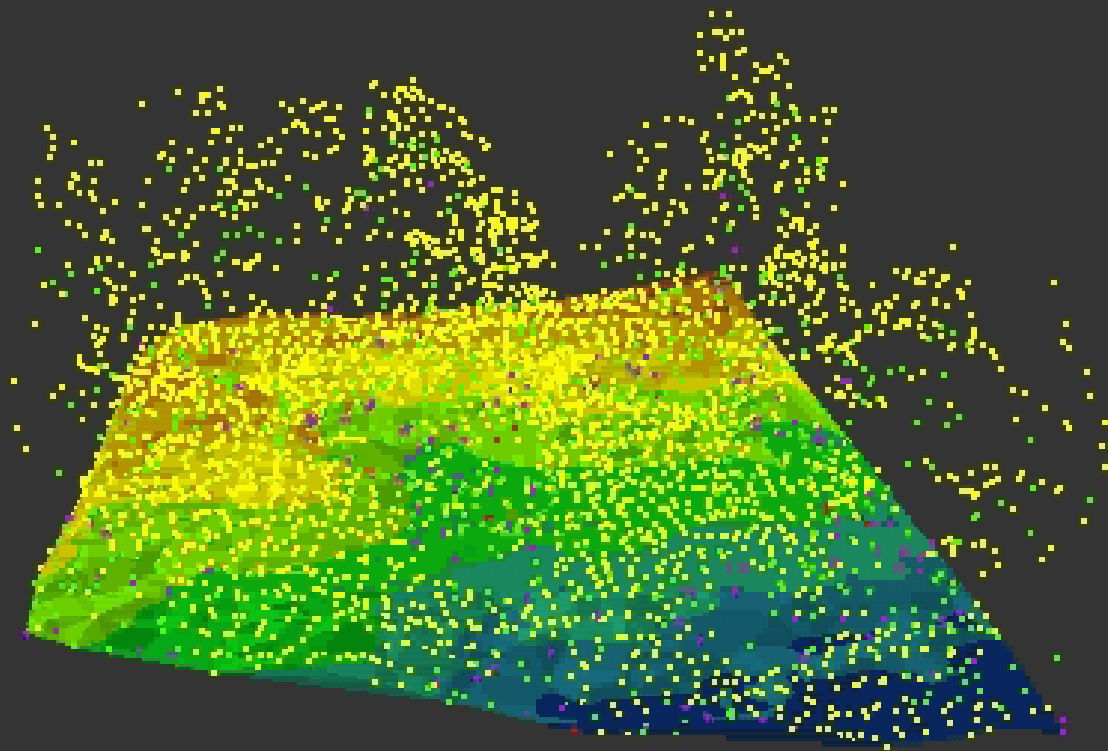
Bonisteel et al. 2009





*Slide courtesy of the US Geological Survey*

## LiDAR “Point Cloud”



## Laser returns classified by spatial structure (+/- intensity)

**Green =  
vegetation  
return**

**Orange =  
ground  
return**

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## Bare earth and first return (forest canopy top) LiDAR surfaces

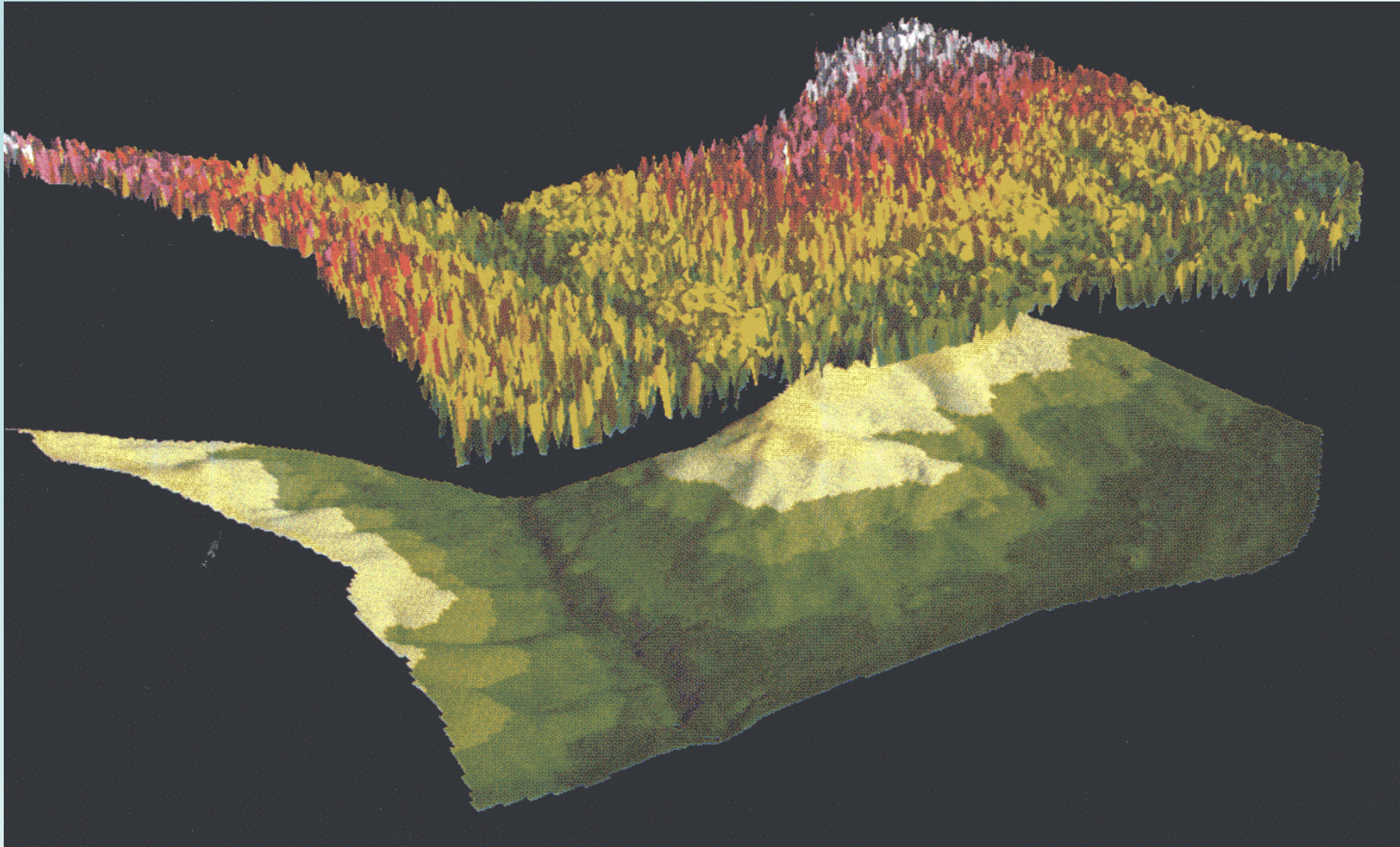
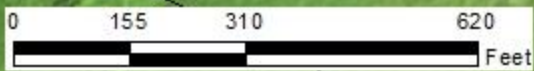


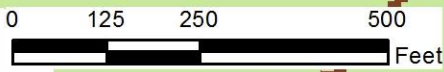
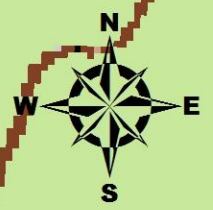
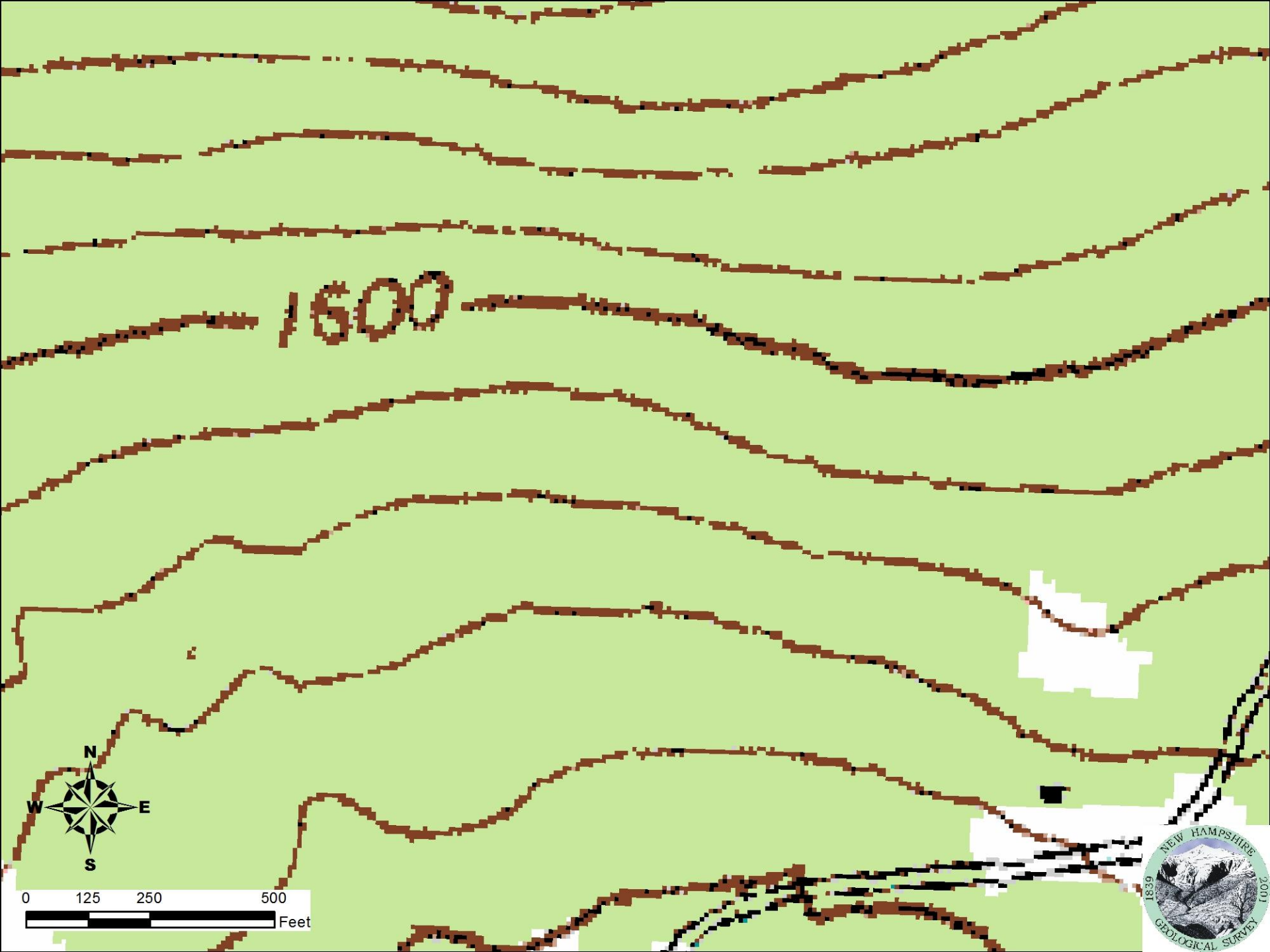
Figure from Maune, et al, 2001, *Digital Elevation Model Technologies and Applications: The DEM Users Manual*



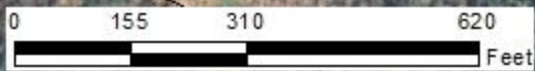
# Near Breezy Point Warren













# Thornton

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Scar

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Meltwater  
Channels

Till (?) Slump

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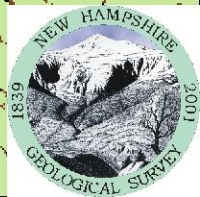
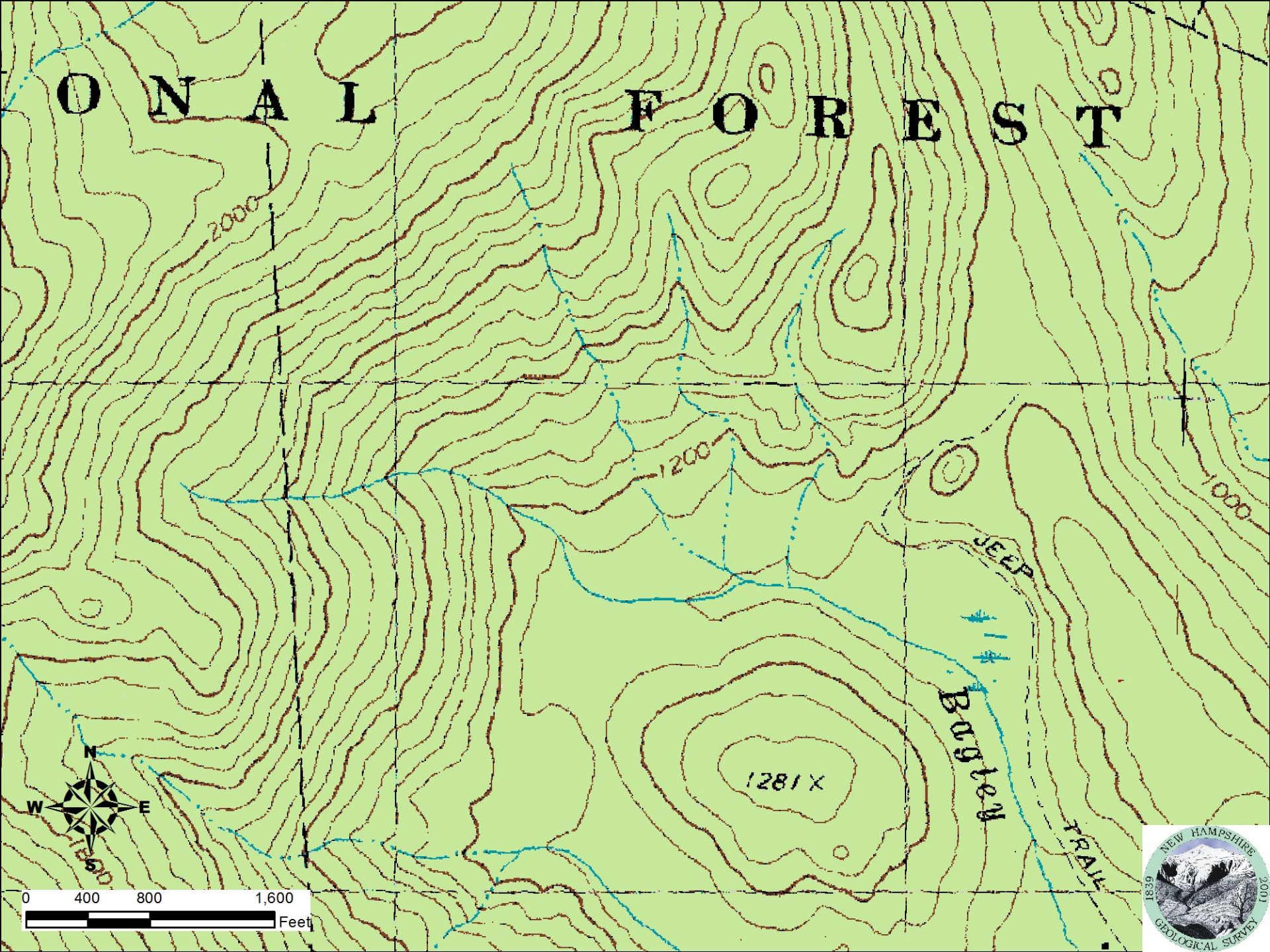


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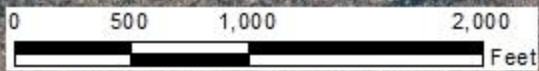
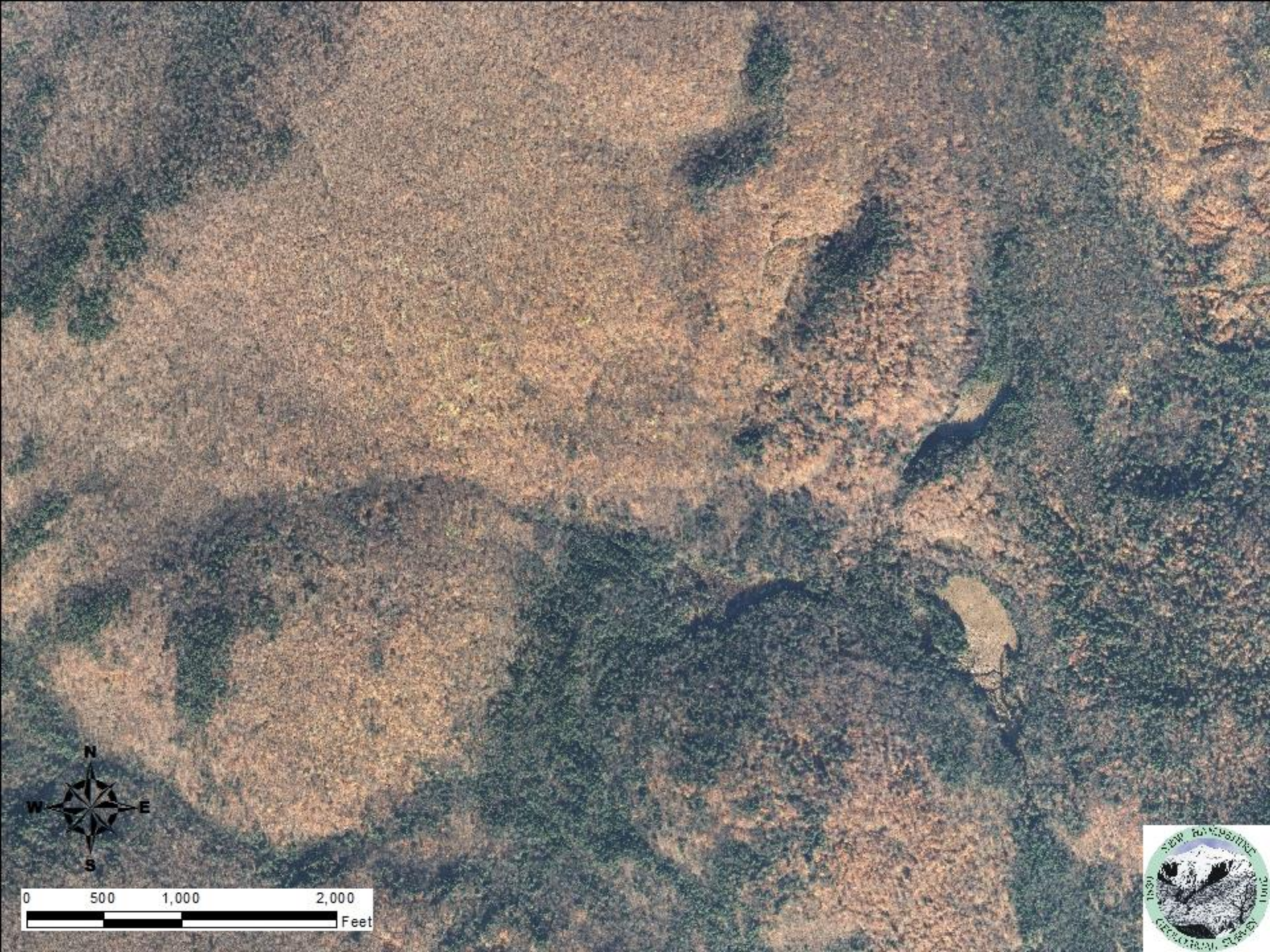




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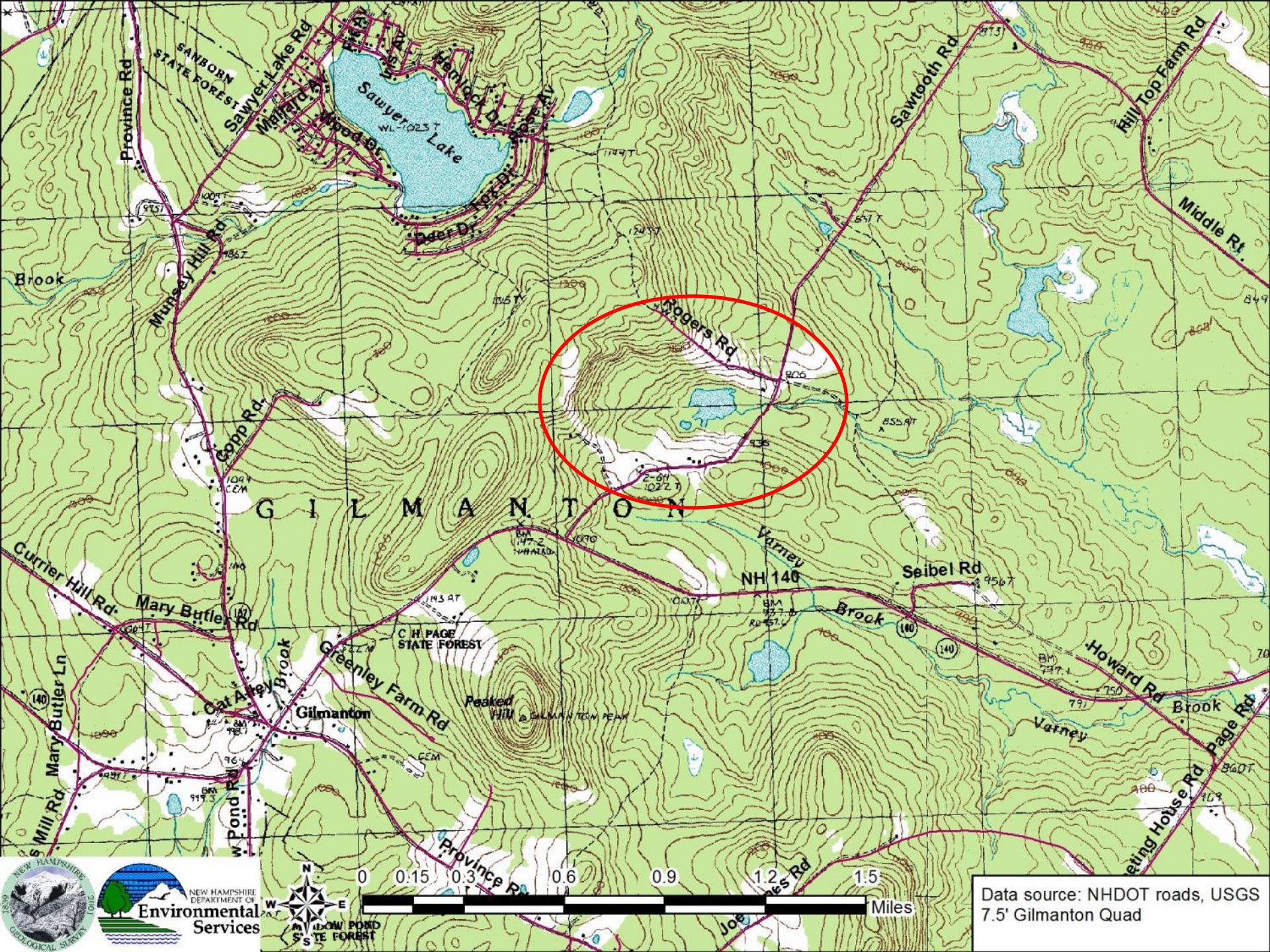




# Application: Hazard Mapping







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Data source: NHDOT roads, USGS  
7.5' Gilmanston Quad

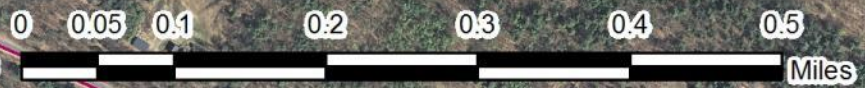




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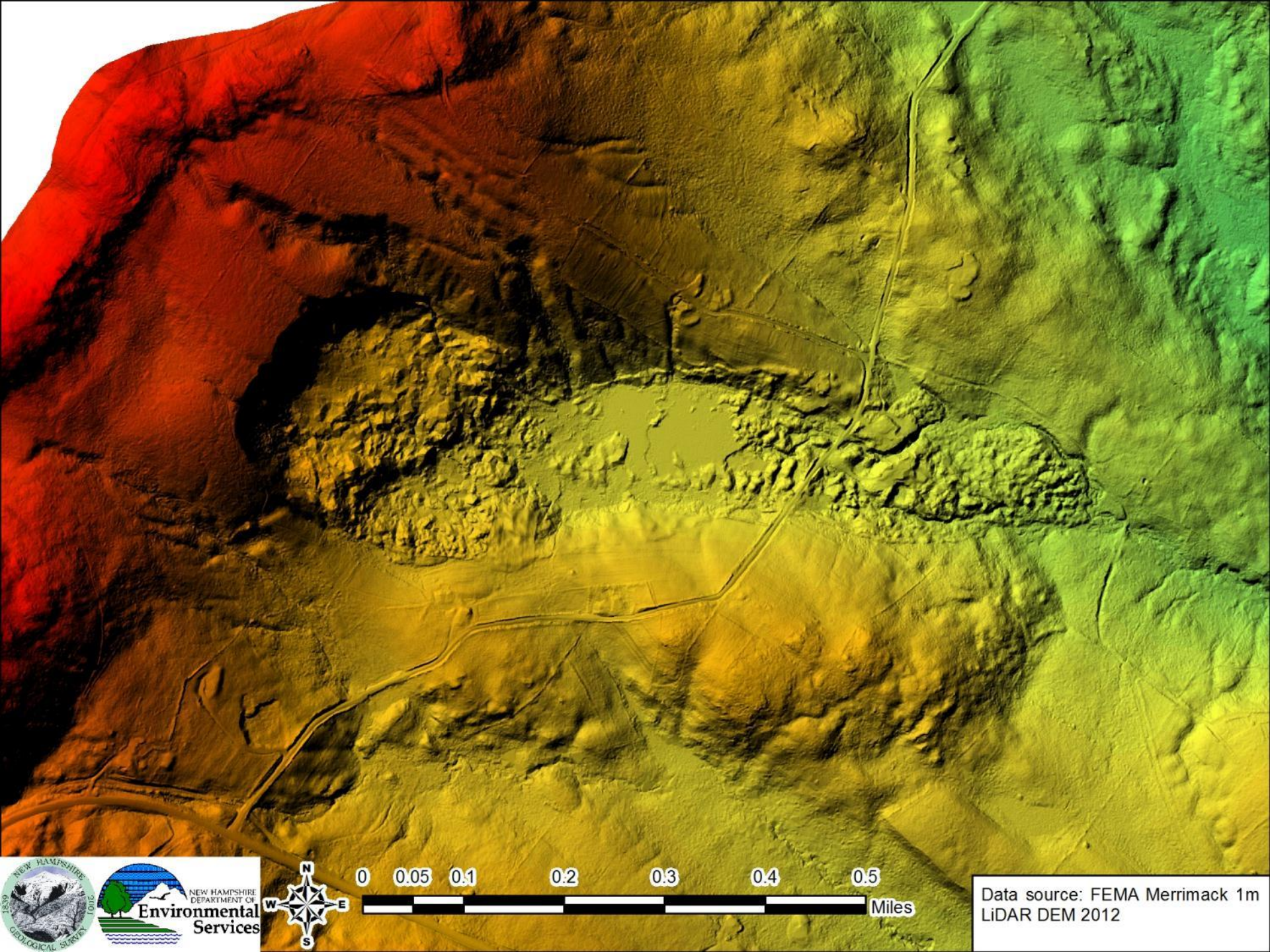
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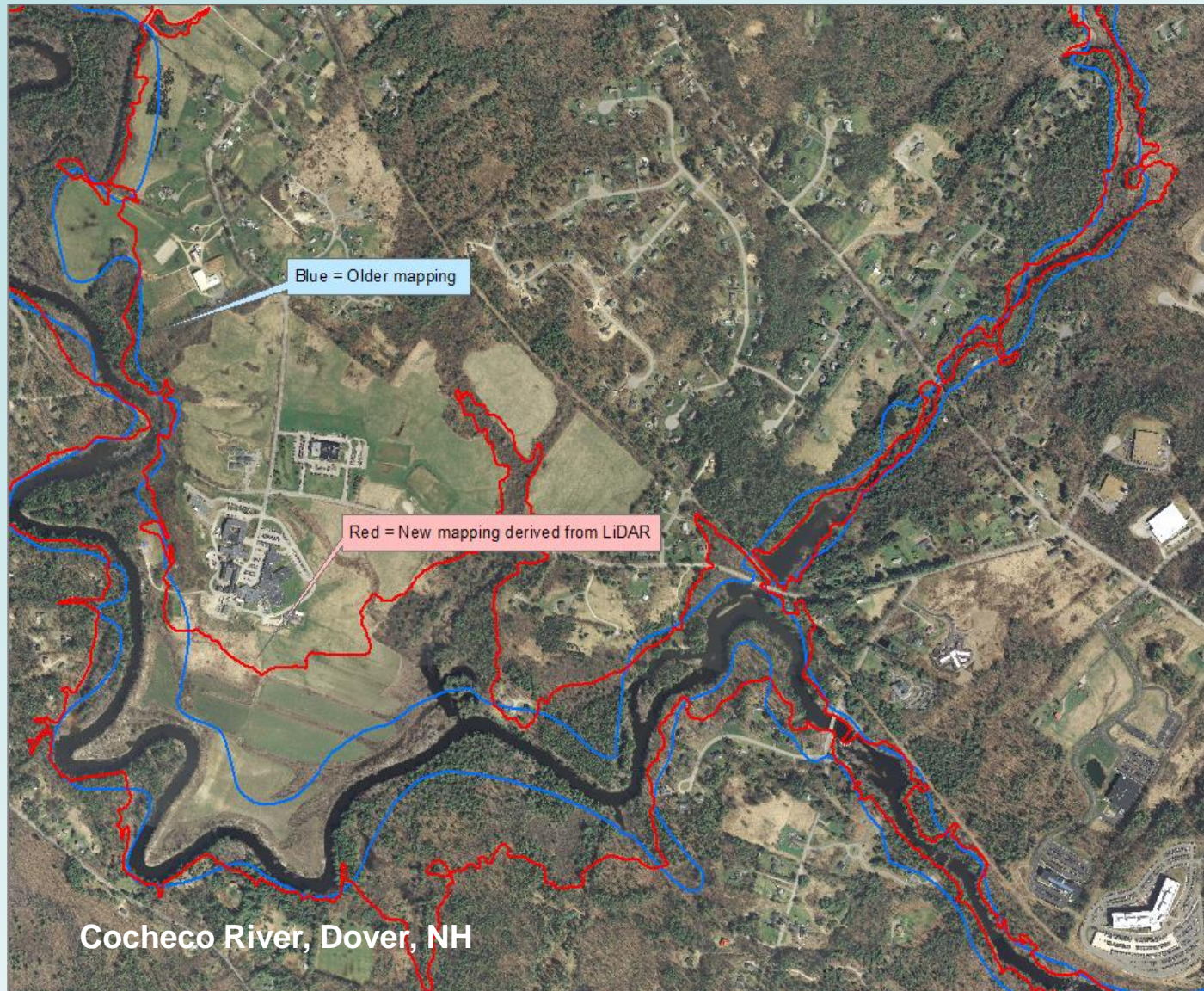






# Application: Floodplain Mapping

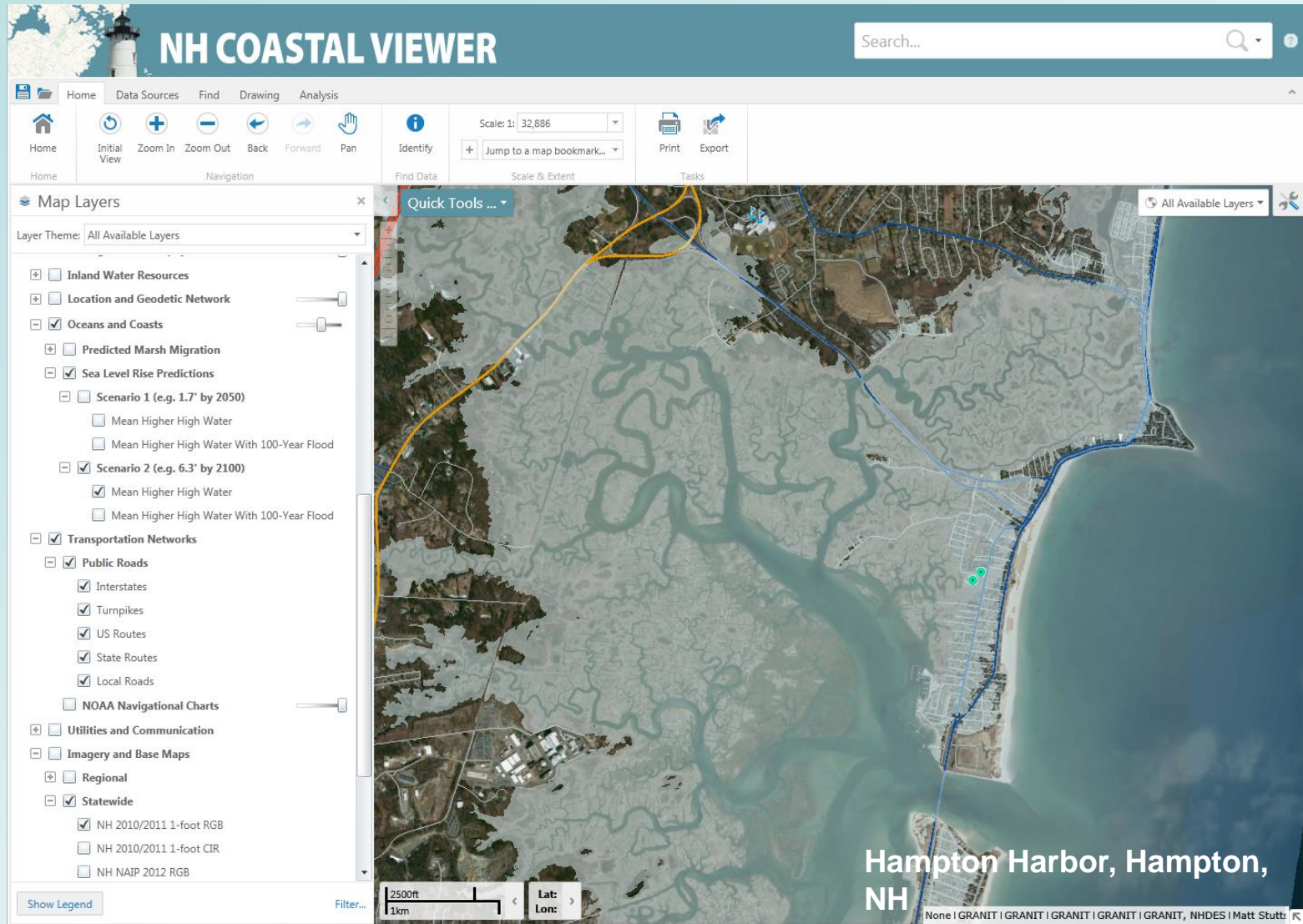
## Improved Mapping with LiDAR-derived Topography






# Application: Coastal Change

## Predicted Inundation Area - 2100 Sea Level Rise Estimate of 6.3'







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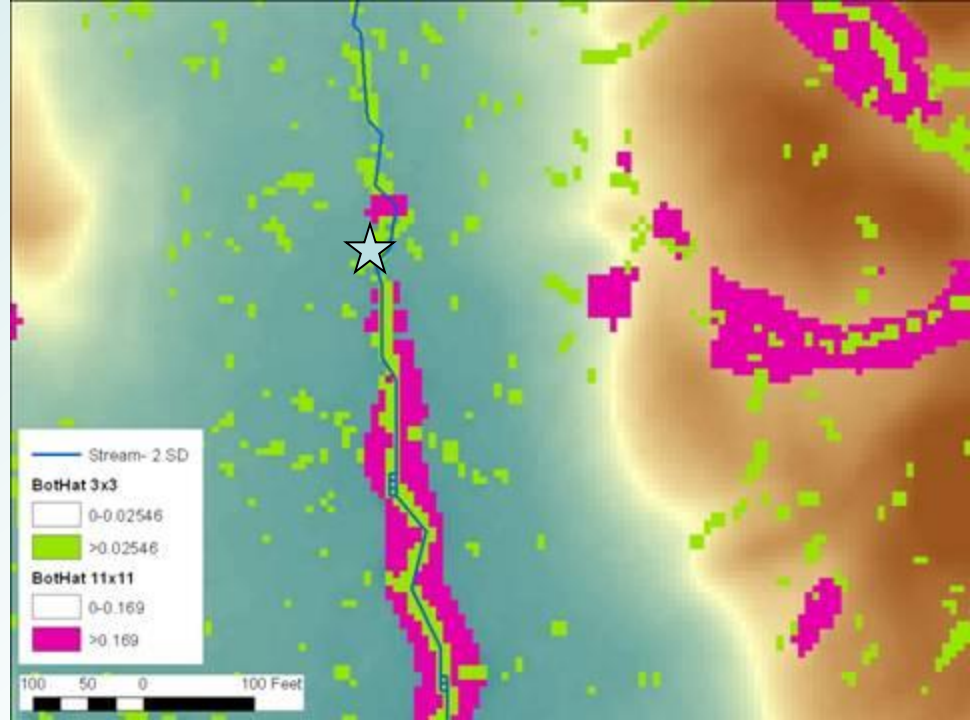
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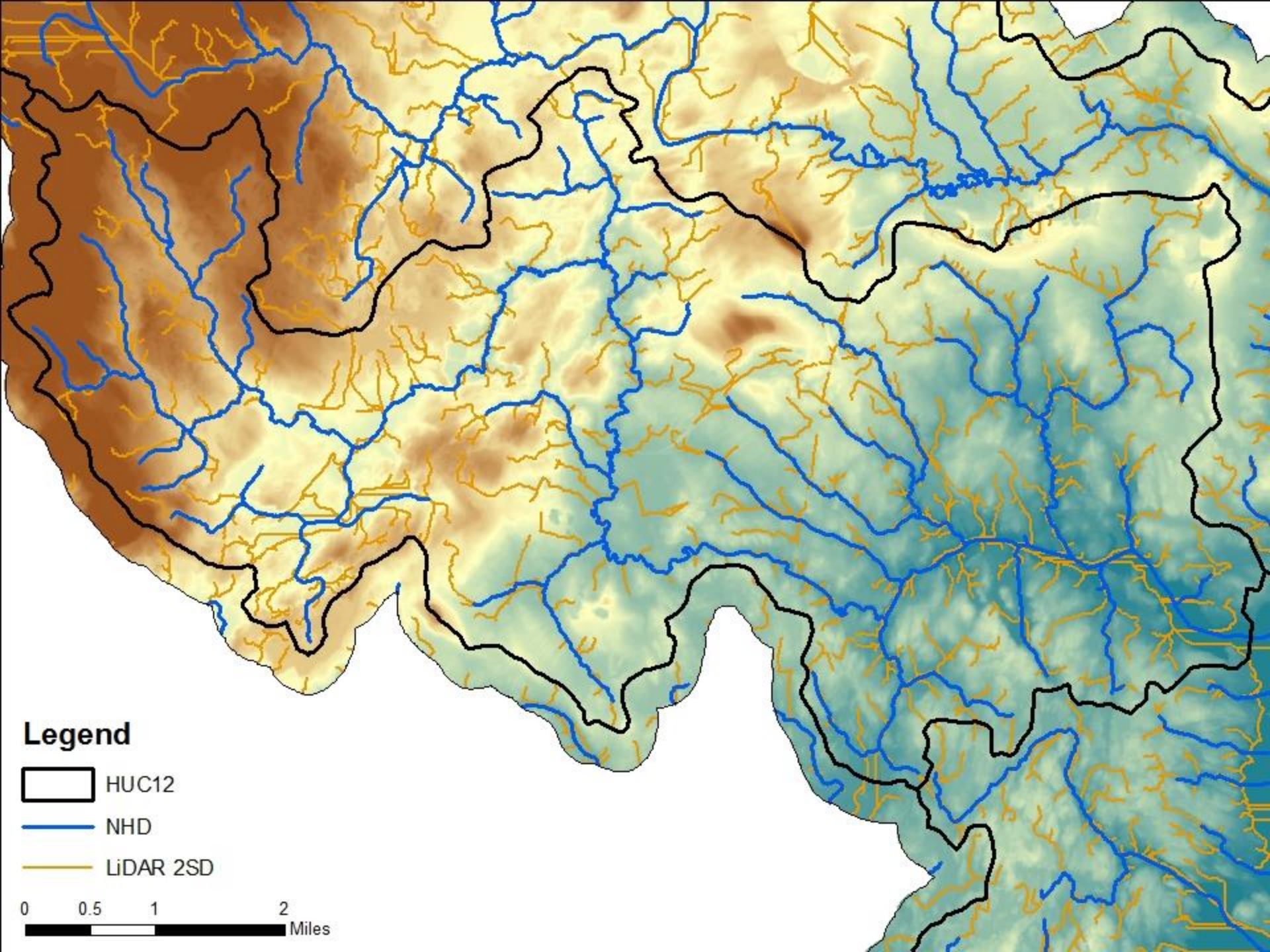
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# Application: Mapping of Headwater Streams








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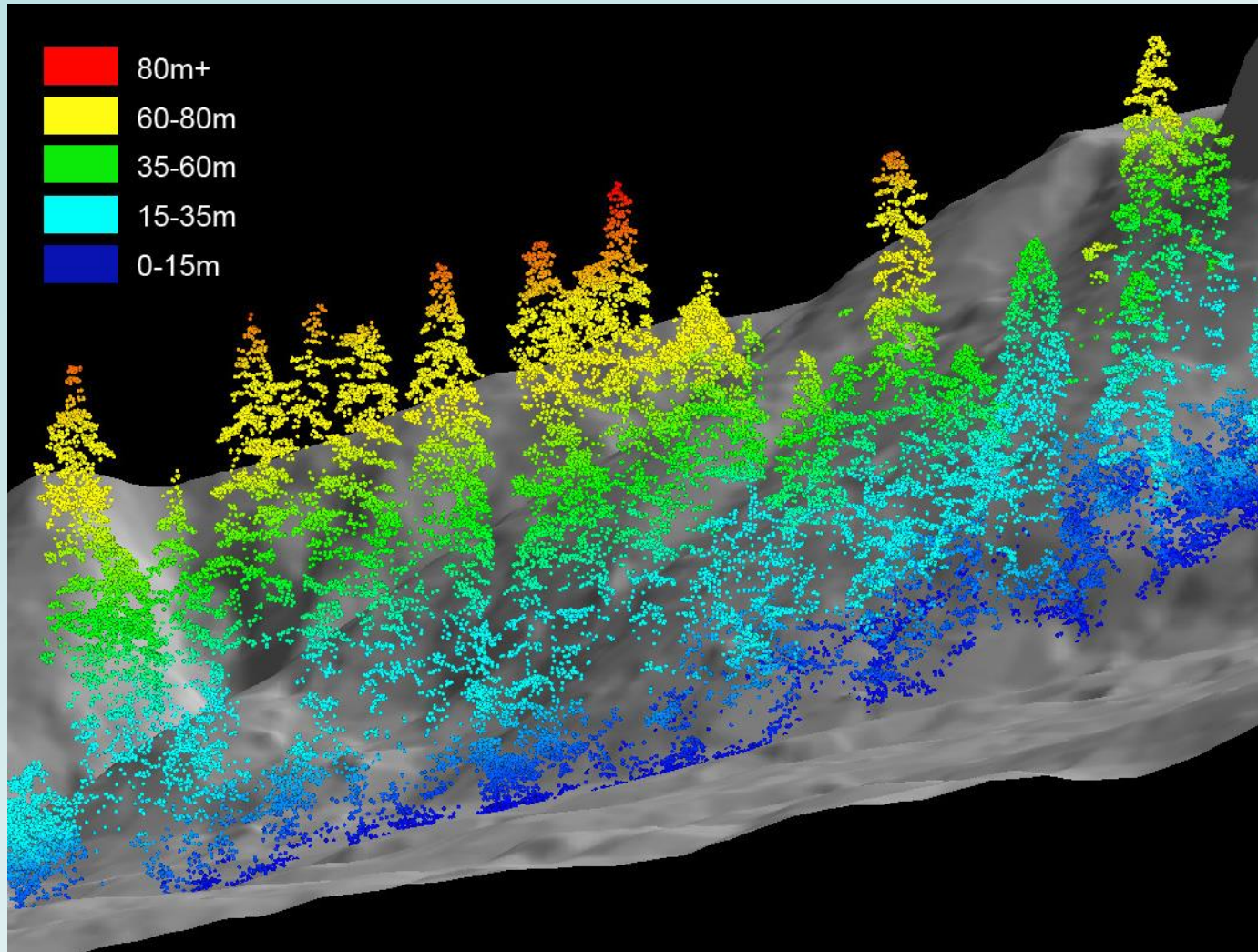
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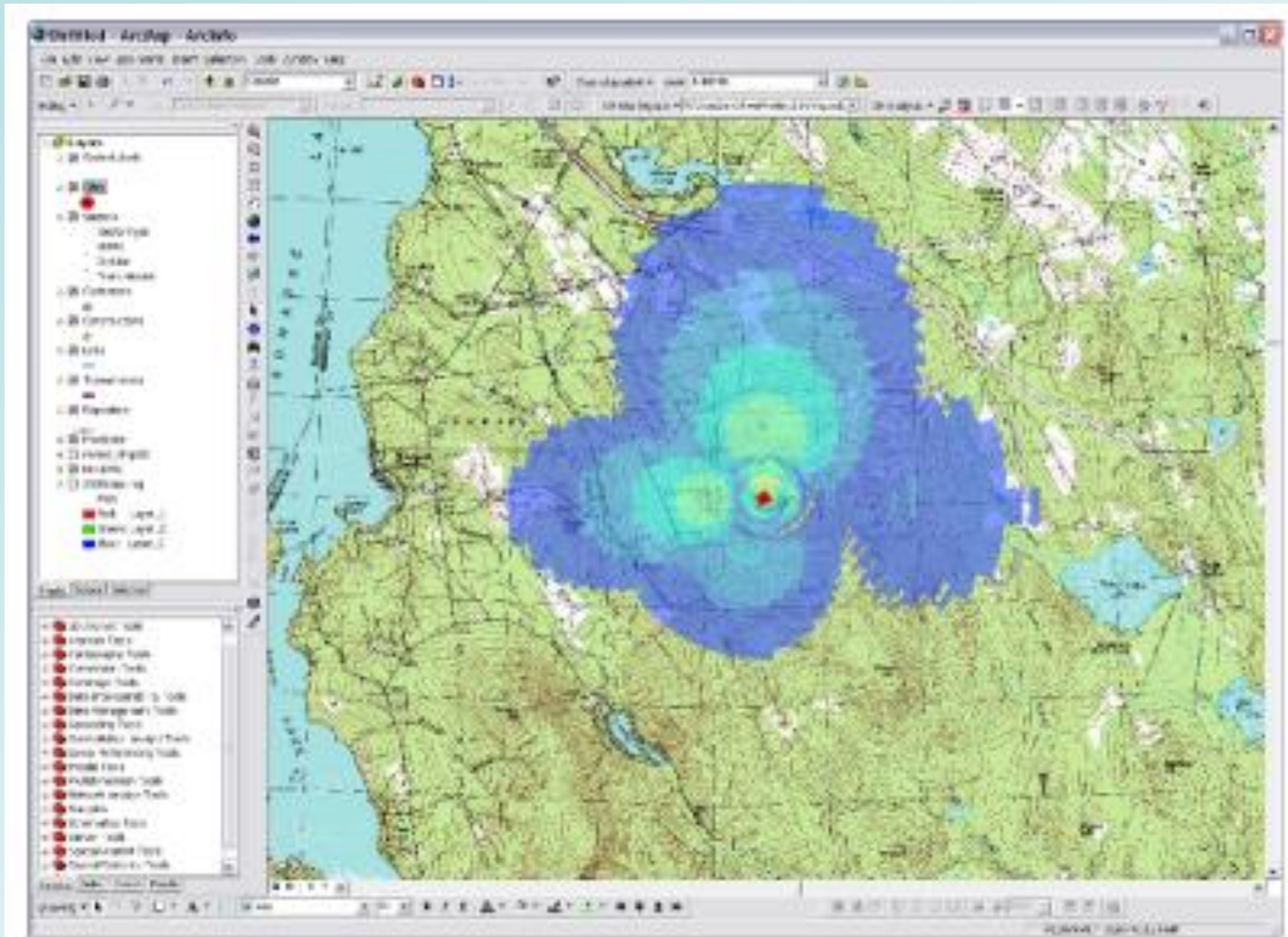
# Application: Forest Management



Source: Tom Spies and Keith Elsen, Oregon State University School of Forestry

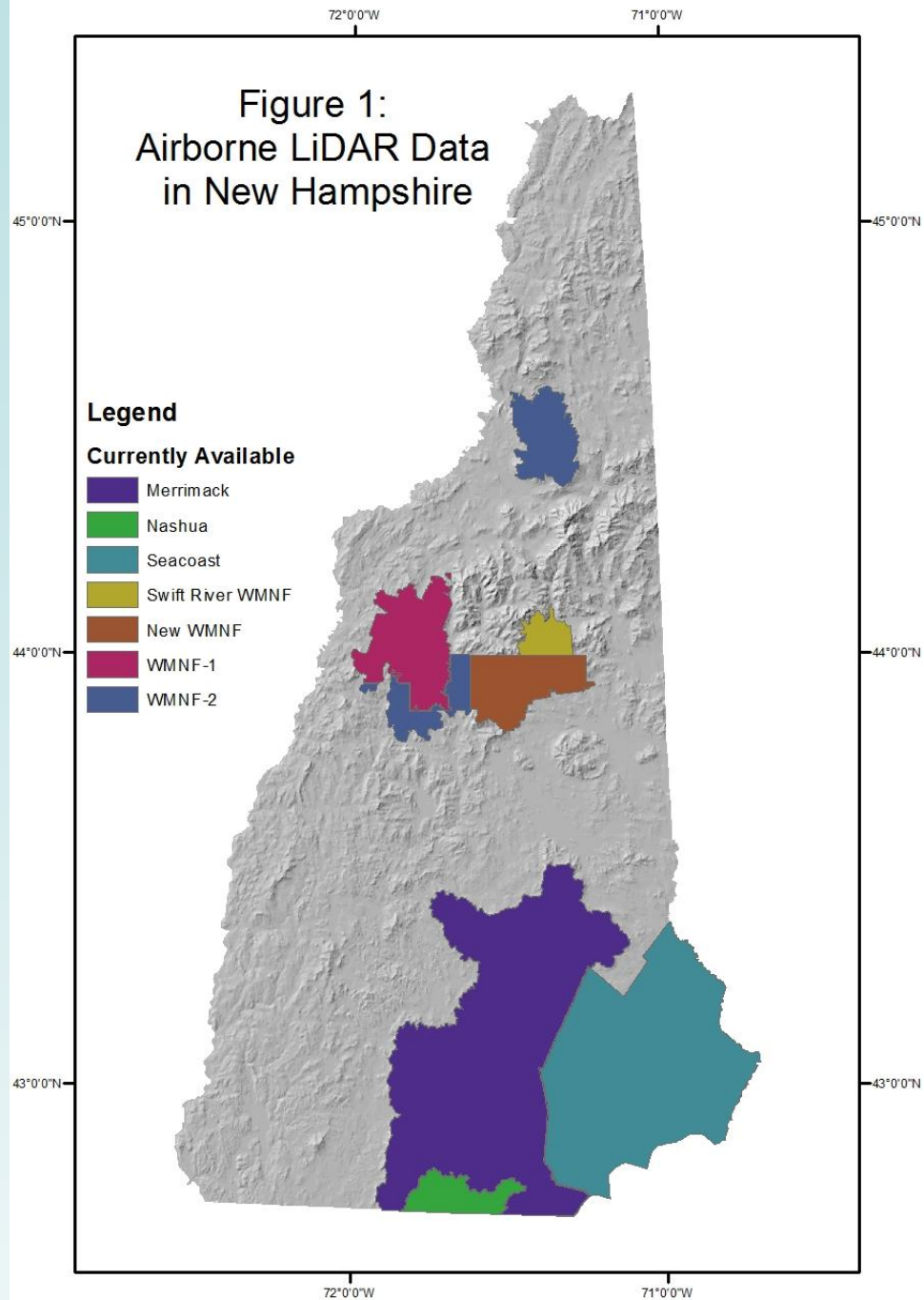


# Application: Broadband Planning



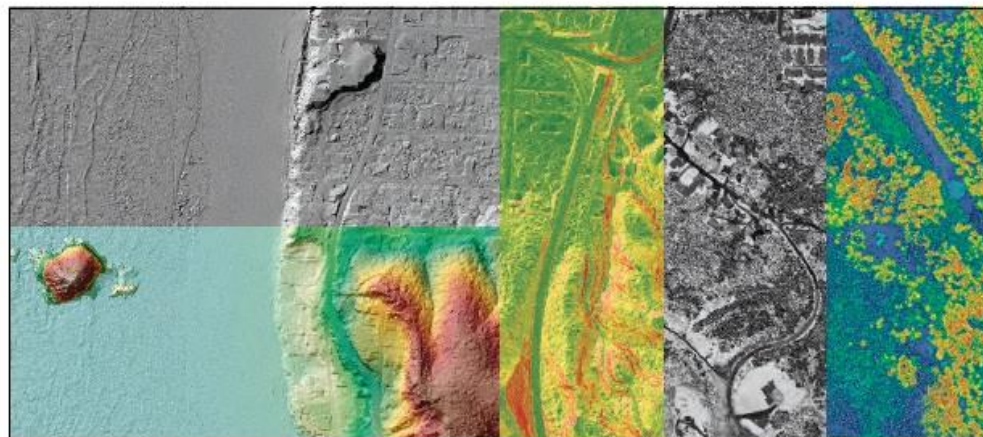
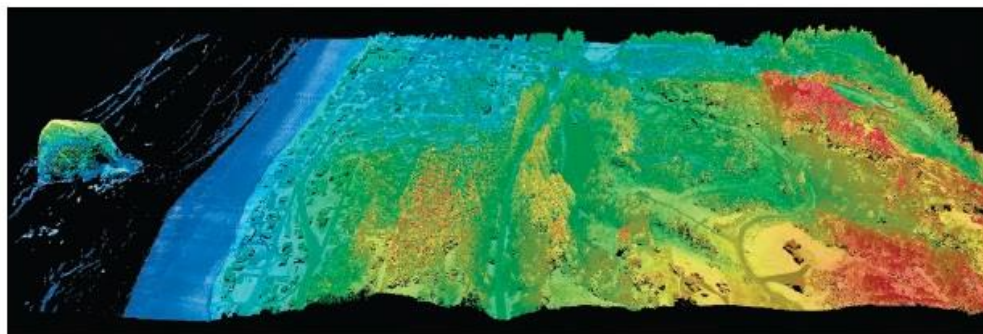
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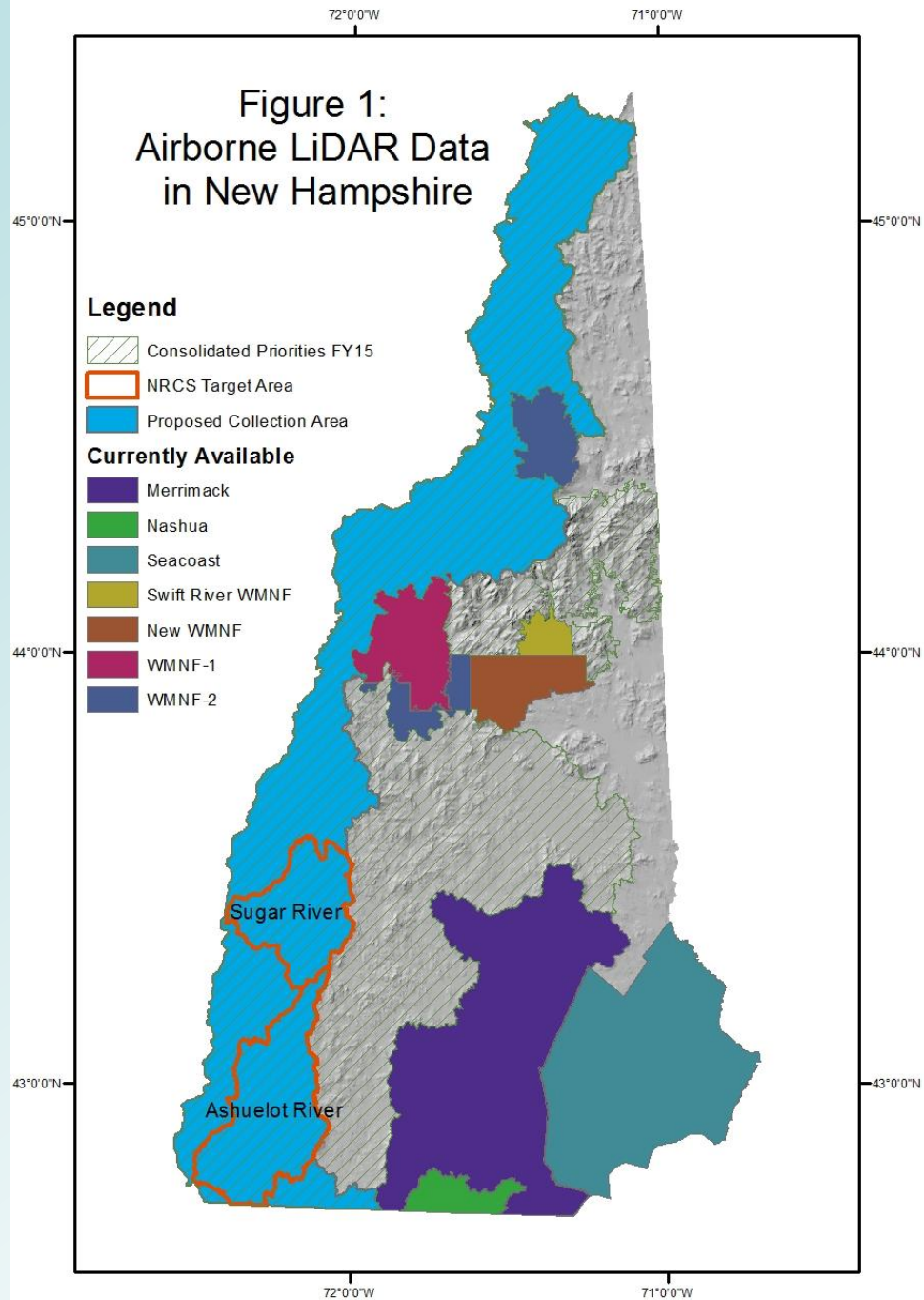
## The 3D Elevation Program Initiative—A Call for Action



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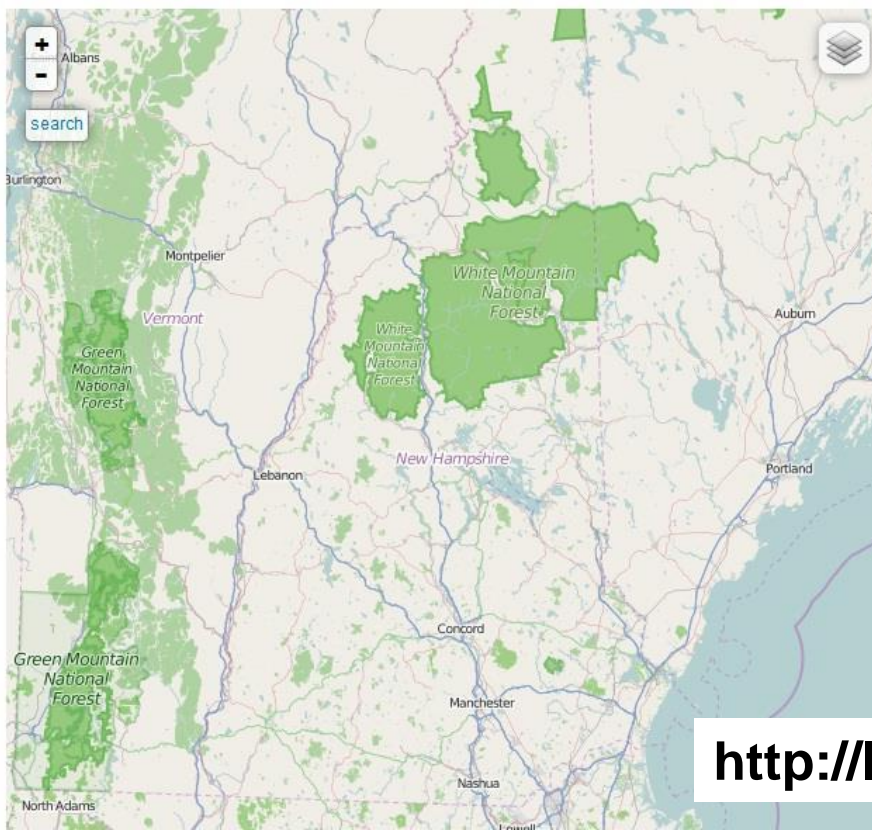
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